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Applicant: Shinji HAYASHI et al.

Title: COVER COMPONENT OF

AIRBAG SYSTEM, AIRBAG SYSTEM, AND VEHICLE

INTERIOR TRIM

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed March 23, 2006, Applicants hereby provisionally elect Group A, represented by Figures 1-4. Claims 1, 2, 14-16 and 28-30 are readable on the elected species. Claims 1, 14, 15 and 29 are generic.

Applicants, of course, reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications covering the non-elected subject matter and/or to receive consideration of claims to additional species as provided by 37 C.F.R. § 1.141, upon allowance of any claim that is generic.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or

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Respectfully submitted,

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